

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 2/13/17 85 N. MARKET ST. 7PM

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Todd, Mr. Tyger, Mr. Walker. Mr. Yokley was absent. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson, and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the 1/23/17 Regular meeting and 1/26/17 Utility Committee Meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. The January 2017 Department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Elzer seconded by Mr. Walker. There were no agenda items, Clerks or Mayors Report.

MANAGER: Monteleone stated they went to Columbus to meet with funding sources for the I/I project. He stated they have received the scope of services from MS Consultants for the water project and asked for a committee meeting to review. He said they received the contract from Moody for the development of the Zuch Well and it was a little more than originally budgeted (\$21,165.00). In reference to the Mural project he said he received a call from the Elementary Art teacher (Robin Downey), Mrs. Downey asked if they could hold a fundraiser (for future murals) during the Art Show. He also stated Council received copies of the 2016 Annual Report.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated in reference to public funds being used for private improvements that there was an article in the Morning Journal about a grant being issued for private improvements (for low income properties). He said keeping this in mind he feels we may be able to possibly seek funding for inflow reduction for low income property owners through the State of Ohio. Mr. Elzer asked about a letter that was to be sent to the Attorney General's Office in reference to getting an opinion on the use of public funds for private property. Atty. Powers stated he is working on it.

STREET: Mr. Walker stated the 2017 resurfacing project included East & West Grant St., N. Walnut St., Adams St., Sumner St., Liberty St., and West Ave near the school, Rebecca St., Alley off of Market & North, Park in front of the pool, & Ashley Lane. Monteleone said the State will be paving N. Market to Taggart and Taggart St. to the state line. Mr. Todd asked if Ashley Lane was a Village street and Monteleone said yes. Todd asked about requirements such as curbs and blacktop. Monteleone said he didn't think it was a subdivision but he would look into it.

S/P/R/C: NO REPORT

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT

UTILITY: Mr. Todd stated we received the scope of services from MS Consultants for the water project, he feels we should have a committee meeting to discuss it. A Utility Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday February 16th at 6pm. Mr. Todd stated he, the Manager and Jason from LSSE went to Columbus to discuss our WW problems. As far as financial options what they told them is basically what they already knew about, in reference to the issue with laterals they said the entire state has the same problems but they didn't have any solutions. Manager Monteleone stated they told them we could take on the parallels as an easement then we could use public funding, but we also would then be responsible for the laterals.

FINANCE: NO REPORT

VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION: In reference to the legislation for water meters, Mr. Elzer said he realizes new meters would help us. We are spending \$800,000.00 on the well and \$700,000.00 on new meters yet we can't account for half of the water between the two, he asked if the money might be better spent finding the missing water. Mr. Cohen stated he feels the new meters will help in finding some of the missing water. Mr. Todd said we have also contracted with a company to come out and look for water leaks in April. Jurjavcic said the work being done at the pump house and on the wells isn't because of the water loss, he said the well being re developed, the pump house, and the meter replacement projects are all necessary evils. Mr. Cohen stated we

wouldn't know where we stand with the missing water until these projects are completed. Mr. Elzer asked why the wage legislation was an emergency; Atty. Powers stated the increase is retroactive to January 1 2017. Finance Director Traci Thompson stated she and Monteleone had discussed that it would be fine for it to go three readings and be emergency on the third.

VISITORS: Mary Anne Tyger, John & Dot Herbert, Jerry Coblentz, John Martin, Mark Rhodes, John Jurjavic, Terri Ward, John Davis, Chief Josh Brown, Sgt. Don Johnson and Katie Schwendeman.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Cohen introduced Ord. 1-2017 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Elzer. **An ordinance amending section 244.02 d of the Codified Ordinances of East Palestine Ohio reflecting additional fees for motor vehicle accident and scene safety services provided by the Village Fire Department and personnel.** Mr. Cohen introduced Ord. 2-2017 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract with NECO for the acquisition and installation of water meters, including necessary accessories and software system at a cost not to exceed \$700,000.00. .** Mr. Cohen introduced Ord. 3-2017 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Elzer. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to enter into a financing agreement and execute all financing documents as required by Tax Exempt Leasing Corp to secure financing in the principal amount of not more than \$700,000.00 with interest at the rate of 2.89% for a term of 5 years for the acquisition and installation of water meters including necessary accessories and software system.** Mr. Cohen introduced Ord. 4-2017 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to advertise for public bid the construction and paving of: East & West Grant, N. Walnut, Adams St., Sumner St., Liberty St., West Ave near the school, Rebecca St., Alley off of Market and North, village Park in front of the pool, & Ashley Lane together known as the 2017 street resurfacing project and to further award and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder as relates to the contract pursuant to the specifications and bidding requirements as determined by the Municipal Manager and in compliance with law.** Mr. Cohen introduced Ord. 5-2017 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance authorizing a 2.25% wage increase between the Village of East Palestine and Firemen hired after March 1, 1999, and a 2.00% wage increase to the EMT hired after March 30 1992, and a 2.00% wage increase to advanced EMT, paramedics, part time dispatchers and part time patrolmen, and increase to the minimum wage seasonal summer outside labor park employees, effective January 1, 2017 and declaring an emergency.**

ADJOURN: Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH